

## CIMdata's PLM Road Map™ @ GPDIS 2022

*Digital Transformation and PLM – a call for PLM professionals  
to re-define and re-position the benefits and value of PLM*  
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# Benefits and Challenges of a Digital Twin Approach to Additive Manufacturing

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## Agenda

- Objectives:
  - Help inform PLM community of some challenges and opportunities within AM to foster innovation and solutions which enable AM for A&D
  - Engage with others who may be working on similar challenges in AM in order to discuss lessons learned and best practices
- Intro to Moog AMC
- Overview of AM process
- Data of AM
- Towards a digital twin of AM
- Benefits and Challenges

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- Founded in 1951 by Bill Moog
- Headquarters in East Aurora, NY
  - Over 300-acre campus
- Global company
  - 26 countries
- Over 12,000 employees worldwide
- \$2.9 billion in revenue (FY 2021)
- Aerospace, defense, industrial
- Precision control systems solutions and component provider

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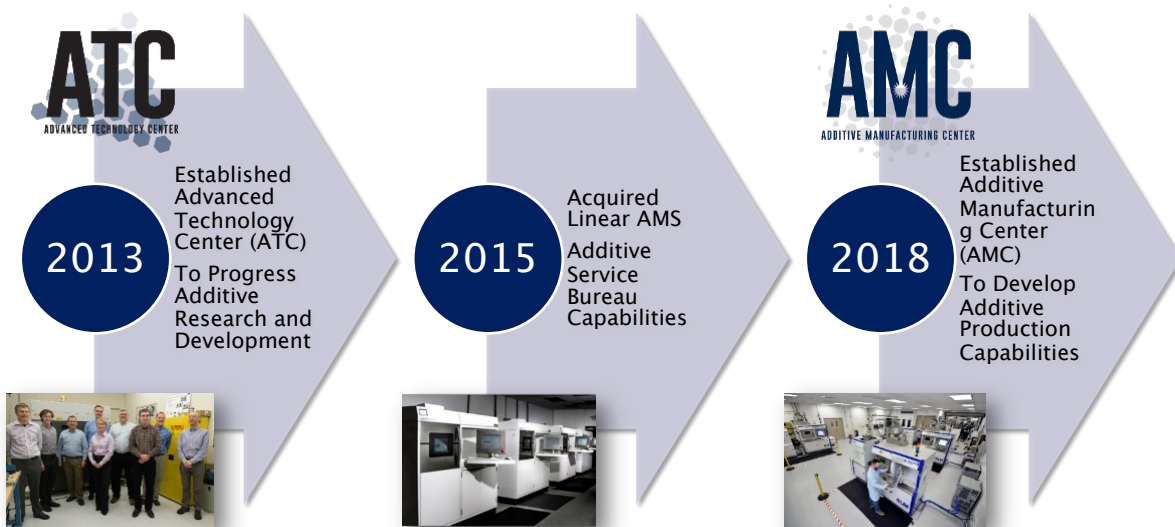
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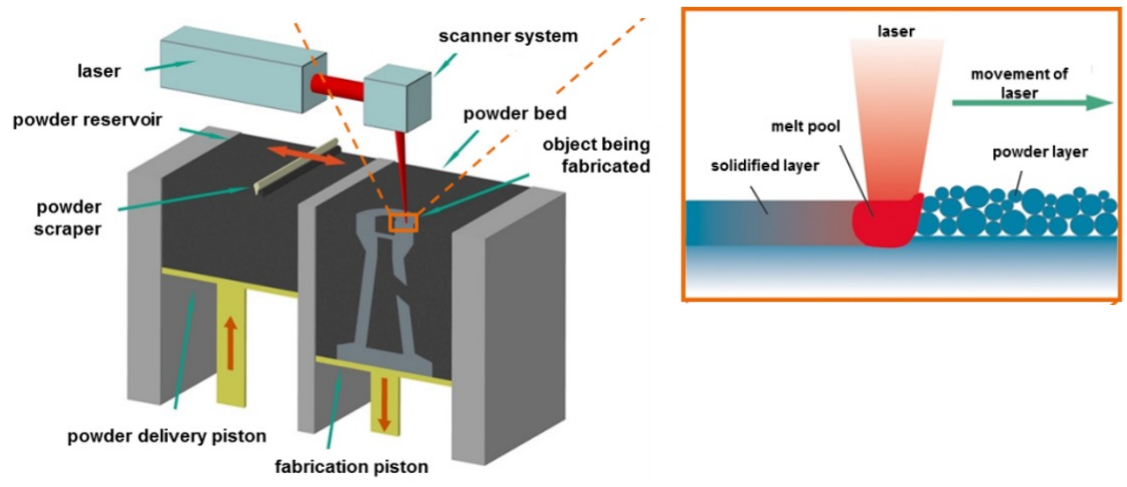
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- CpTi
- Inconel 625
- Inconel 718
- Alsi10mg
- F357 Alum
- 6061 2%
- Ceramic
- 7050 Alum

**Machines:**

- (2) EOS M290
- (2) Renishaw AM500
- (1) SLM280 (2X Laser)

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### How Does LPBF Work?



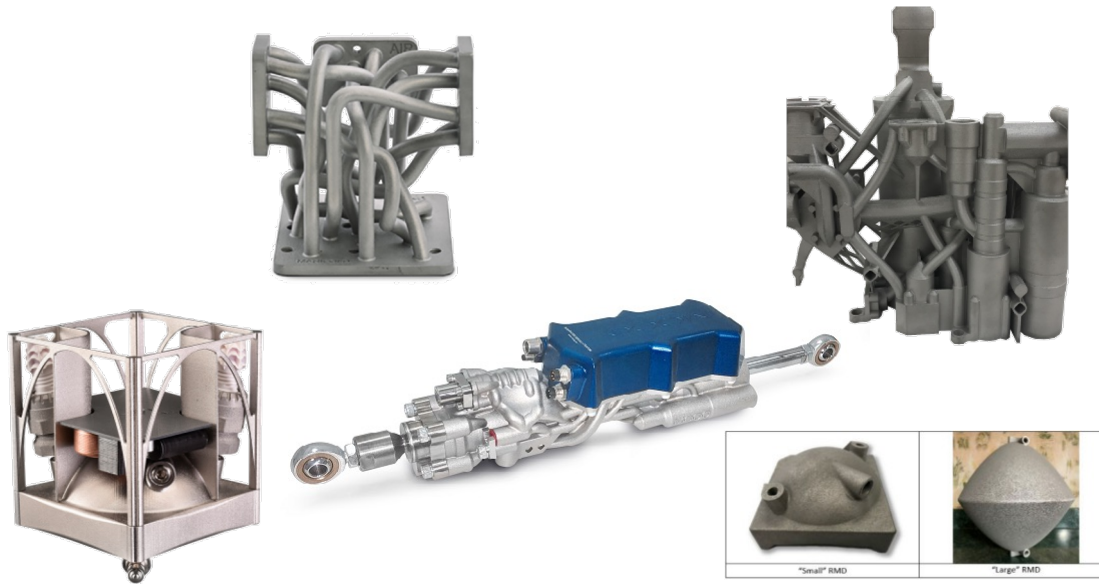
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## Examples of Moog AM Hardware



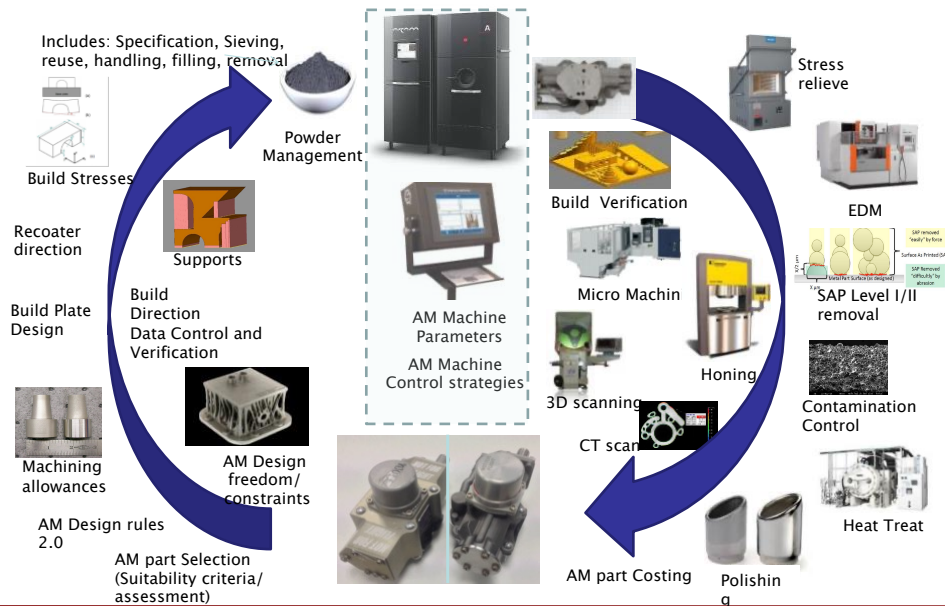
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## AM is more than just the AM machine:



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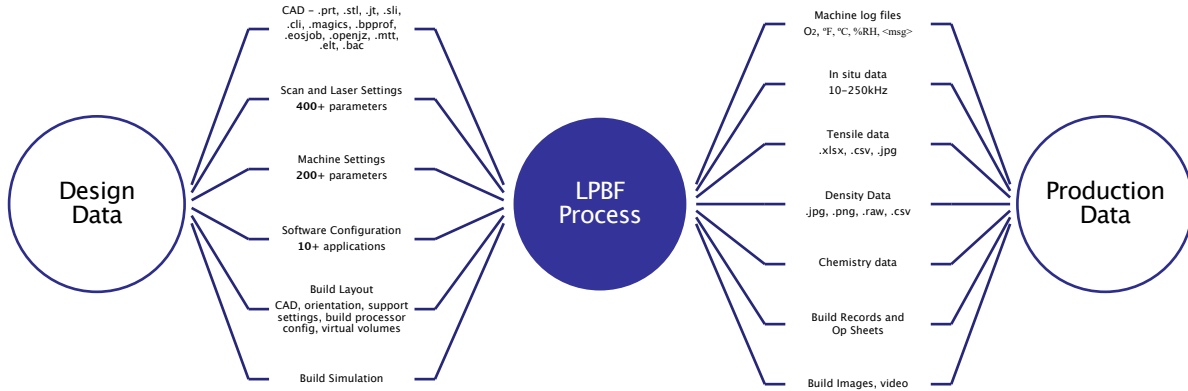
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## AM Data – Digital Threads

- LPBF contains  $\sim 10^3$  process variables [design data] and perceptive parameters [production data]



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## Digital Thread – Design Data

- Managing the product definition digital thread is key
- This can be complex for additive manufacturing
- It is a requirement for A&D AM

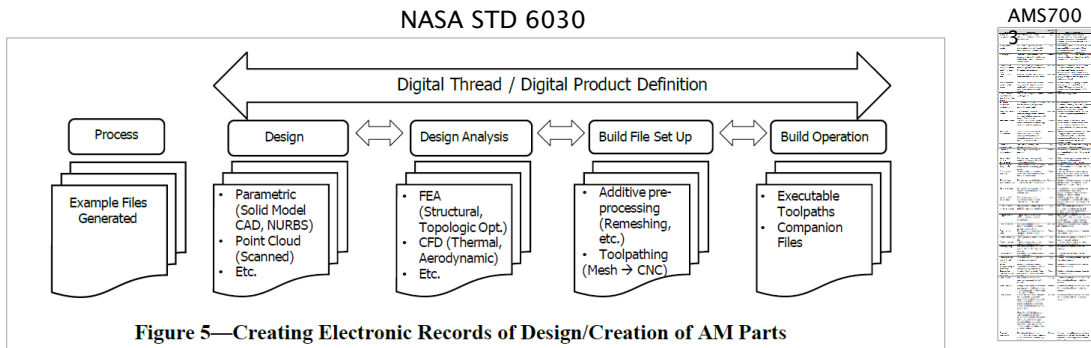


Figure 5—Creating Electronic Records of Design/Creation of AM Parts

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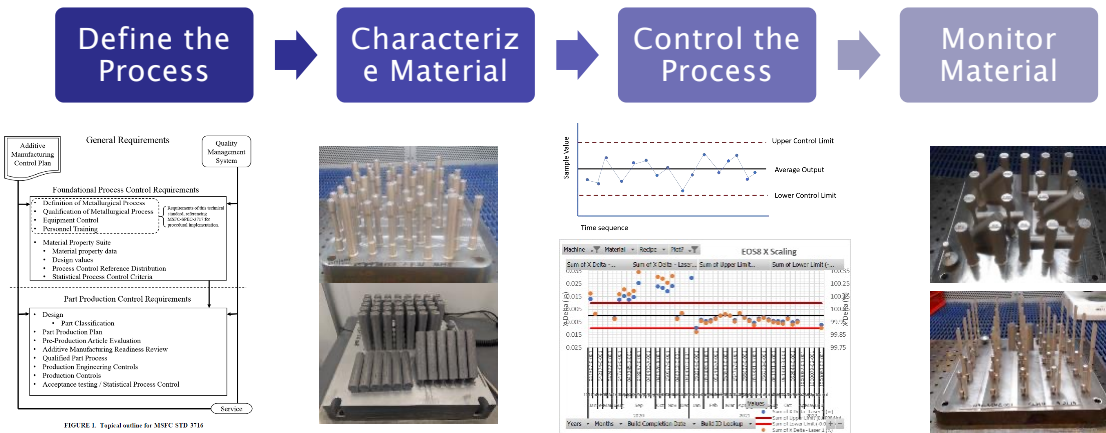
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## Digital Thread – Production Data

- Managing the production data digital thread is equally as crucial
- Each machine is a ‘foundry’
- Moog has published material properties using MMPDS methods
- Moog supports customer in material development as required



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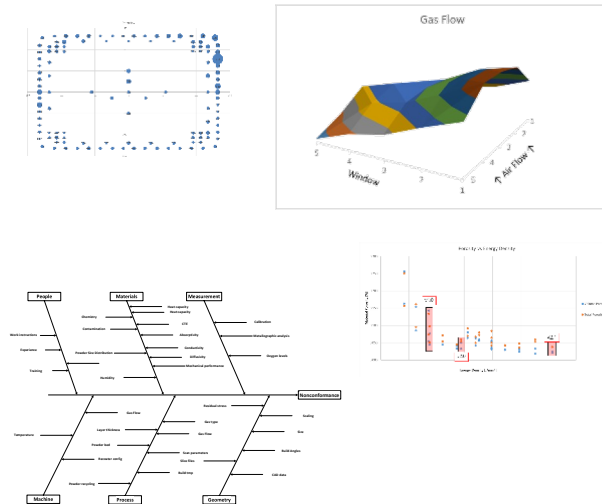
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## Digital Thread – Production Data

- Understand cause and effect relationships
- Gain insights
  - Position dependence / keep out zones
  - KPV's
  - Material (chemistry / PSD) drift
  - Machine (calibration) drift
  - Material performance
  - Parameter optimization
  - Active parameter control
  - Employ machine learning on data sets



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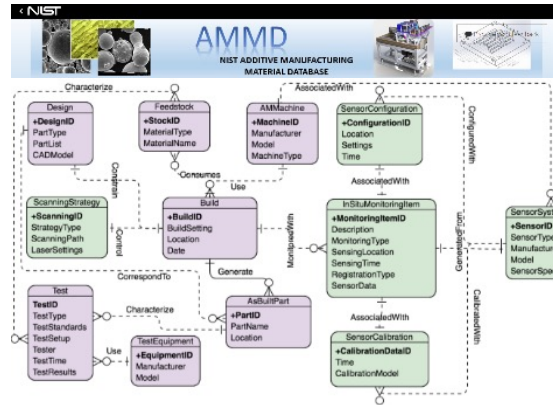
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## Managing the Digital Thread

- NIST AMMD – project to develop schema for AM data
  - Utilizes NIST Material Data Curation System (MDCS)
  - .xml schema is 891 lines of code
- There are also companies that provide versions of this as a solution



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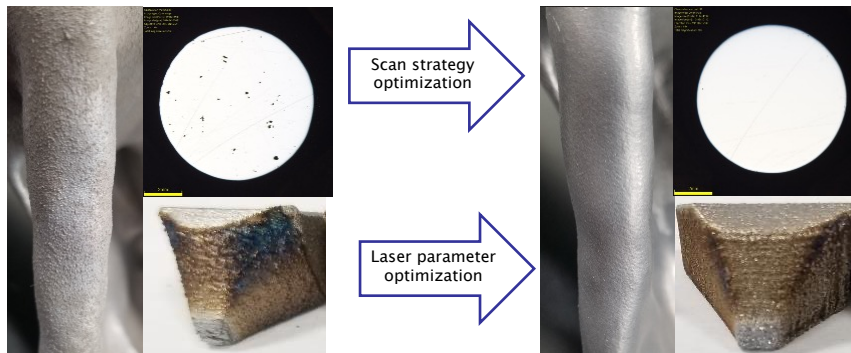
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## AM Digital Threads at Moog

- Product definition digital thread is managed the same as other PLM data
- Organically grown production database
- Leveraging data to improve output quality
- New and enhanced software and simulation leads to better models



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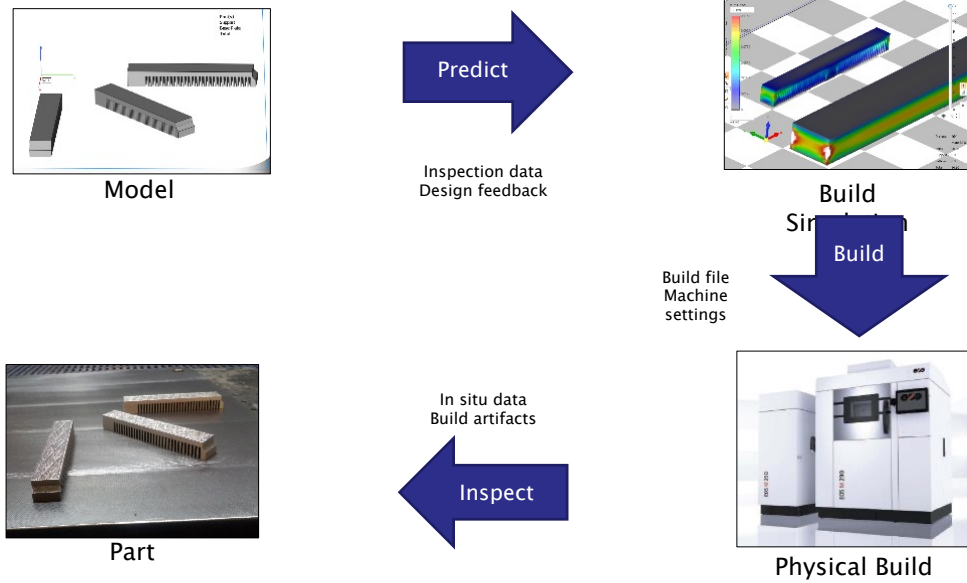
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## Additive Manufacturing Digital Twin



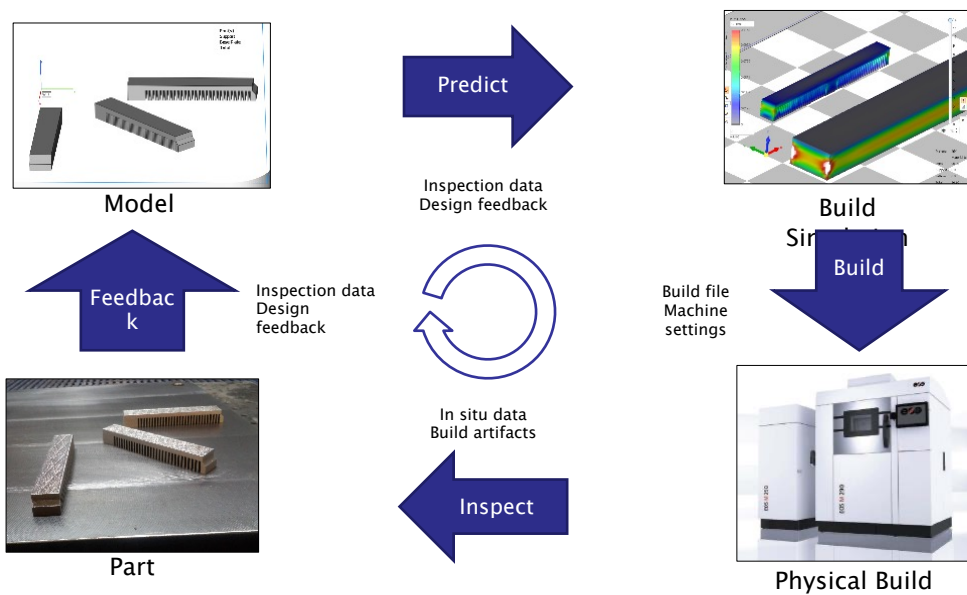
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## Additive Manufacturing Digital Twin



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## Benefits and Challenges

- Benefits
  - Single source of truth
  - Configuration management
  - Data reuse
  - Quality control
  - Quality improvement
  - New insights
- Challenges
  - Many different types of data
  - Deciding which data to collect
  - Collecting data
  - Data integrity
  - Data commonality and interoperability
- AM for Aerospace requires robust product life cycle management
- Incorporating AM production data into PLM creates a closed loop data ecosystem which improves the AM process significantly
- Systems and tools are required to manage large numbers of variables and large quantities of data

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